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Properties of Matter

- * Almost all substances are classified as solid, liquid or gas.
 - All matter has specific properties & make up
- Solids - Have definite shape & volume - can be flexible, but not compressed
- Liquids - Have definite volume, not shape
- Gases - Don't have definite shape or volume - easily compressed

Physical Properties

- Characteristics that can be observed or measured without changing the sample's composition.
 - Also describe pure substances
- * Includes Density, Color, Odor, Hardness, Melting Pt. & Boiling Pt.

Chemical Properties

- Ability for substances to combine with or change into one or more other substances (also inability to combine/change)
- * Includes Flammability, reaction to acids/other substances

Changes in Matter

Physical Change

- A change that alters a substance without changing its chemical make up
- * Includes tearing, cutting, folding, changing state, dissolving (phase change)
- Generally reversible in nature - can bring back with at least a little effort.

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Chemical Change

- process where one or more substances changes into a new substance
- Composition & Properties have changed

ex) Iron reacts w/ oxygen to become Iron oxide or rust

* Includes decomposition, explosion, rusting, oxidizing, corroding,
tarnishing, fermenting, burning or rotting

Evidence of a chemical reaction

- Chem. reaction always causes change of some properties of substances
- * Includes odor change, color change, temp change, formation of gas,
precipitate formation (solid formed from 2 liquids reacting), production
of light

Law of conservation of Matter

- Matter can't be created or destroyed (not by us in lab)
 - Mass is conserved
 - All atoms that went into a reaction must come out - in some form
- ex) Burning a piece of wood causes a \downarrow in mass - some mass was changed to CO_2 & floated away (not destroyed)
- Mass before = Mass after (if performed carefully)